Prices of Beef Steers Show Good Advance Over Last Week.

HOG MARKET IS SLOW AND WEAK Week's Supply Was Not Excessive,

but Prices Have Fluctuated to a Considerable Extent.

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O. & St. I. Ry. 1
Missouri Pacific Ry.
Union Pacific system. 4
C. & N. W. RT.
F. E. & M. V. R. R. 2
S. C. & P. Ry. C. St. P. M. & O. Ry. 3
B. & M. R. R. R.
C. B. & Q. Ry.
C. R. L. & P. Ry., E.
Illinois Central. 2 Cattle, Hogs, Hr's.

The disposition of the day's receipts was .Wheat

ber of head indicated:	ng the	num-	ľ
Buyers. C	attle.	Hogs.	l
Omaha Packing Co	****	1,628	ŀ
G. H. Hammond Co	****	1,268	r
Swift and Company	54	1,974	ı
Cudahy Packing Co	F5120	1,427	L
Armour & Co., from Sloux City	19	2,126	ľ
Swift and Co., from country	****	1,611	l
L. F. Husz	388	5555 K	ı
Other buyers	60	90199	L
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Totule	9,79	10.001	г

slow and weak and closed easy all around. The supply was not excessive—less than 8,000 on sale. For the week prices have fluctrated considerably, but are only slightly lower than last Saturday. Buyers started in bidding prices steady to a shade easier and the bulk of the hogs sold that way, the long string going at \$4.80, the same as yesterday, but there were fewer sales at top figures. Trade was more or less dragging and closed weak all around. A glance at the table of average prices shows Monday to have been the high and Tuesday the low day of the week. Prices improved slightly until today, when they again cased off.

SHEEP—There were no fresh arrivals and none carried over, leaving nothing to make. Buring the make. During the nast week prices as a strong the control of the post week prices as market. During the nast week prices.

SHEEP—There were no fresh arrivals and none carried over, leaving nothing to make a market. During the past week prices have declined sharply on fat sheep and stre now 12650c lower on fat lambs and 20630c lower on fat lambs and time. Feeding stock has felt the depressing influence of the weak market on mutton grades and are also lower. Dealers anticipate only a slight demand for mutton grades until after the holiday season and figure a dull market in consequence.

Quotations: Choice fed wethers, \$3.750 (2.96); fair to choice fed wethers, \$3.200(3.75); choice yearings, \$3.90(4.10); choice ewes, \$3.250 (2.46); fair to good spring lambs, \$4.750 (4.75); feeder ewes, \$2.250 (2.06); feeder wethers, \$3.500(3.75); feeder lambs, \$4.00(4.40).

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Nominally Stendy-Hogs Gener-ally Firm-Sheep Stendy. CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts. 200 head; nominally steady; good to prime steers, \$5.2566.00; poor to medium, \$3.6566.20; selected feeders, \$3.7564.40; mixed stockers, \$2.50@3.75; cows. \$2.42@4.00; helfers. \$2.50@4.40; canners, \$1.75@2.35; bulls, \$2.40@4.30; calves, \$3.75@5.50; Texas fed steers, \$4.00@4.55; Texas grass steers, \$3.25@4.00; Texas bulls, \$2.40@ \$2.5. 8.25.
HOGS—Receipts, today, 18,000 head; Monday, 38,000 head, estimated; left over, 1,500 head; generally steady; top, 445; mixed and butchers, 34,5504,95, good to choice heavy, 34,7504,95; rough heavy, 34,6004,70; light, \$4,6004,925; buik of sales, \$4,835,004,95; light, \$4,8004,925; buik of sales, \$4,835,004,95; light, \$4,5004,425; buik of sales, \$4,835,009,500, SHEEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,000 head; steady; good to choice wethers, \$3,70,04,25; fair to choice mixed, \$3,1503,65; western sheep, \$2,5004,20; Texas sheep, \$2,2507,50; mative lambs, \$4,0005,25; western lambs, \$4,50,05,25.

KANSAS CITY. Dec. 22.—CATTLE—Recelpts, today, 100 head; this week, 31,000 head; prices nominal; a few Christmas steers sold this week at fair prices; the best grades of dressed beef steers and butcher cows slightly lower, while shortfed, unfinished steers were about 25c lower; Christmas steers, \$6,0006.50; medium natives, \$4,1505.00; stockers and feeders, \$2,000.604.85; butcher cows and heifers, \$3,5004.75; canners, \$2,50073.00; fed westerns, \$3,50074.75; canners, \$3,50074. Kansas City Live Stock Market. pigs, \$4.25@4.60.

BHEEP—Receipts this week, 12,500 head; the heavy supply of game and poultry caused a sharp decline in prices this week, 12,000 head; the shrinkage in values amounting to 20c on the best grades and 25g/30c on the plainest; lambs, \$4.76g/5.25; muttons, \$3.70g/4.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.25g/4.06; culls, \$2.60

New York Live Stock Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 22. — BEEVES — Re-celpts, 279 head, all for slaughterers; nothing doing; cables quote live cattle at 122 131<sub>5</sub>c, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 95 695<sub>5</sub>c; shipments, 873 head cattle and 2,000 6:054c; shipments, 873 head cattle and 2,000 quarters of beef.
CALVES - Receipts, 68 head; steady; vals, 34,0027,76; no choice here.
SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts, 1,708 head; sheep slow, good lambs steady, others neglected; sheep, \$3,00273,70; lambs, 34,75,69,00; Canada lambs, 35,46.
HOGS-Receipts, 1,818 head; no sales on live weight; nominally steady.

St. Joseph Live Stock. SOUTH ST JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Journal quotes: CATTLE—Receipts, 199 head; market

SHEEP-Receipts, none; demand strong. St. Louis Live Stock Market. ST. LOUIS Dec. 22—CATTLE—Receipts.

700 head, including 500 head Texans; market dull and steady; native shipping and expert steers, \$4.500 f.60; steers under 1,000 hutcher st

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET | 4.40; cows and helfers, \$2.00@1.70; canners, \$1.25@2.75; bulls, \$2.00@1.75; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.85@4.25; cows and helfers, \$2.00@ 1.00.
HOGS — Receipts, 2,900 head; market steady to strong; pigs and lights, \$4.8094.90; packers, \$4.7502.90; butchers, \$4.8595.00.
SHEED AND LAMBS—Receipts, 100 head; market nominal; native muttons, \$1.0094.00; lambs, \$4.2595.50; culls and bucks, \$2.0094.00; stockers, \$2.0094.00.

Stock in Sight. South Omaha. Chicago Kansas City. St. Louis. Totals ...... 1.297 38.508 13.800

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS. Features of the Trading and Closing

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Features of the Trading and Closing Quotations for Saturday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Board of Trade markets were dull today because of the coming because of the coming because of the coming of the com

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OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Conditions of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce. EGGS-Receipts, light; good stock, 18720c. POULTRY-Hens, 5c; spring chickens, 5c; osters, 3c; ducks, 50514c, geese, 61407c; FRESH DRESSED POULTRY-Hens, 600 64c; roosters, 425c; ducks, 6447c; geese, 72 74c; spring chickens, per lb., 6c; turkeys, 10c.
GAME Frairie chickens, per doz. 15; mailard ducks, per doz. \$3.00@3.50; teal, \$1.50 @1.75; mixed, \$1.50@1.75; jacksnipes, \$1; quail, \$1.55@1.50; jackrabbits, \$1.00@1.25; cottentails, 90c(1\$1. BUTTER—Common to fair, 11½c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 25c; gathered creamery,

20@21c.
FRESH OYSTERS — First grade, solid packed, New York counts, per can, 35c; extra selects, 32c; standards, 25c; medium, 20c. Second grade, slack filled, New York counts, per can, 30c; extra selects, 25c; standards, 20c; bulk standards, per gal.

\$1.25.
PIGEONS-Live, per doz., 30c.
VEALS-Choice, 9610c.
HAY-Price quoted by Omaha Wholesale
Hay Dealers association: Choice upland,
19; No. 1 upland, \$8; medium, \$7.50; coarse,
\$7. Rye straw, \$6.50. These prices are
for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair. OATS-No. 2 white, 28c. CORN-No. 3, 32c, BRAN-\$13.50. VEGETABLES.

PARSNIPS, per bu., 50c.
TURNIPS—Per bu. basket, 40c.
BEETS—Per bu., 50c.
CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.
LETTUCE—Per doz., 35g40c.
RADISHES—Per doz., 30c.
BEANS—Wax, per 1-3 bu. basket, \$1;
tring, 90c. rring, 90c. POTATOES-Per bu., 50@60c; Idaho, per II., Soc.
SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., 12.
CARBAGE—Holland seed, 2c.
TOMATOES — California, per 4-basket ONIONS-Per bu., 90c; Celorado, per

o., 2c. CELERY—California, as to size, 45@75c. CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, FRUITS. PEARS—Fer box, \$2.00@2.25.
GRAPES—Malagu, per keg. \$6.50@9.00.
APPLES—Native, 75c@\$1.00 per bu; per bbi, \$2.50; castern, \$3.00@3.25; California Bellifowers, per box, \$1.40@1.50.
CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, \$9.50 per bbl.; Jerseys, per bbl., \$8.75; per crate, \$3.
TROPICAL FRUITS. ORANGES-California seedlings, \$2.75 navels, \$3.50; Mexicans, \$2.75@3.00; Floridas LEMONS-California, extra fancy, \$3.50 BANANAS-Per bunch, according to size E. 0042.50, FIGS-California, new cartons, 80c; lay-

ers, 75c.
DATES-Persian, in 60-lb. boxes, Sairs
5½c per lb; Halloween, 6c per lb. MISCELLANEOUS.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6½c; No. 2 green, 5½c; No. 1 salted, 7½c; No. 2 salted, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6½c; dry hides, 8643c; sheep belts, 25gr75c; horse hides, \$1.50gf2, 25. NUTS—English wainuts, per lb., 13c; filberts, per lb., 13c; almonds, per lb., 18g29c; raw peanuts, per lb., 5gf5½c; roasted, 6½gf7½c; Brazils, USc; pecans, 10gf12c.

HONEY—Colorado, 24-section case, \$2.75. CIDER—Per bbl., \$5; per half bbl., \$2.80.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. MISCELLANEOUS. bbl., \$2.50.

CAPTLE—Itecelpts. 160 head; market teady demand strong.

HOGS — Receipts. 6,00 head; market teady to weak; all grades, \$4.80\text{34.80}; bulk f sales, \$4.80\text{34.80}; \$4.80\text{34.80}; bulk f sales, \$4.80\text{34.80}; and \$4.80\text{34.80}; bulk f sales, \$4.80\text{34.80}; and \$4.80\text{34.80}; bulk f sales, \$4.80\text{34.80}; and \$4.80\text{34. Coll. 51.
HOLLY AND CALYX WREATHS—Per dox., \$1.50.
HOLLY BRANCHES—Per 50-lb. case, \$4.50, per 1.51.50672.00.
LONG NEEDLE PINES—Per doz., \$2.50.
MISTLETOE—Per 5-lb. box, \$1.50.

On track: No. 1 hard, 74%c; No. 1 northern, 72%c; No. 2 northern, 63%greeke, FLOUR-Quiet, first patents, \$4.0074.18; second patents, \$2.80gf\_90; first clears, \$2.80gf\_90; second clears, \$2.90gf\_91.00; second clears, \$2.80gf\_91.75.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions. St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS. Dec. 22—WHEAT—Better:
No. 2 red. cash. elevator, 71c; track, 71\(\frac{1}{2}\) ic. December, 70\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; January, 71\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; May, 72\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; No. 2 hard, 69\(\frac{1}{2}\) bc.

CORN—Lower, No. 2 cash, 34\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; track, 25\(\frac{1}{2}\) 52\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; December, 34\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; January, 34\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; May, 39\(\frac{1}{2}\) d; No. 2 cash, 23\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; track, 25\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; December, 23\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; January, 23\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; track, 25\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; December, 23\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; January, 23\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; May, 24\(\frac{1}{2}\) c; No. 2 white, 29\(\frac{1}{2}\) c.

BYE—Firm at 50\(\frac{1}{2}\) c.

FLOUN—Steady: patents, \$150\(\frac{1}{2}\) 65; extra fancy and straights, \$3.10\(\frac{1}{2}\) 25; clears, \$2.60\(\frac{1}{2}\) 39.

SEEDS—Timothy, nominally firm at \$4.23\(\frac{1}{2}\) 450, at average receipts; prime worth more;

4.50, at average receipts; prime worth more; flax, no market. COENMEAL.—Steady at \$2. BRAN—Higher; sacked, east track, 669

Kansas City Grain and Provisions. Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22—WHEAT—664c; cash, No. 2 hard, 656664c; No. 3, 62765c; No. 2 red. 62670c; No. 3, 65769c.

CORN—May, 344c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 334c; No. 2 white, 344c; No. 3, 34c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 344c; No. 3, 34c.

GATS—No. 2, 46c.

HAY—Choice timothy. \$10.566711.00; choice prairie, \$5.56710.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 19.623c; dairy, fancy.

prairie, \$9.50@10.00. BUTTER—Creamery, 19@23c; dairy, fancy, 16c. EGGS-Steady; fresh Missouri and Kan-sas stock, 15c per doz., loss off, cases re-turned; new whitewood cases included, 1/2c more.

RECEIPTS Wheat, 133,600 bu.; corn, 75,200 bu.; cats, 16,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS Wheat, 48,000 bu.; corn,
21,600 bu.; cats, 5,000 bu.

German Bourse Has a Week of Early

Declines and Closing Inactivity BERLIN. Dec. 23.—The bourse had a bad experience beginning with the decline in Iron and coal shares, due to the weal syndicate's restriction of the output. During the latter part of the week the quotations were at a standstill. Yesterday, however, they showed more firmness. The financial press is now contrasting the situation in Wall street with that of the German bourse, where complete pessimism reigns.

reigns.

The great rise of values in New York has not met with a response here except in American rail shares where great activity has prevailed. The German bourse sold heavily after the rise in November, but during the last week it purchased heavily in London and New York. Under the lead of the Northern Pacific all the American railroads were sought after and the papers are beginning to warn the public against buying at the present high prices. Swiss railroads continued in good de-nand. Navigation shares were more quiet Swiss railroads continued in good demand. Navigation shares were more quiet, losing slightly.

The market for government securities was quiet, 3½ per cents gaining slightly and 3 per cents losing. Bank stock leclined one or two points, from shares from two to four points and coal shares correspondingly reaching ten. The embarrassments of the mortgage banks continued to depress the tone of the market. Obligations of all these institutions were offered, but the weakening tendency was somewhat moderated.

The financial press admits that the market for this class of security has been ruined for years.

Some of the banks tried to check the return of their obligations by reducing the repurchase price, and others are expected to follow suit. As a consequence of this feeling the public is turning more and more to municipal and provincial securities.

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The province of Poser is about to issue a loan of 50.000,000 marks.

During the week the iron market showed an unusual number of bad reports and more declines in prices than during any other week since the reaction began.

There were several auctions of goods not taken by those who had ordered them that resulted in unexpetcedly low prices. Five thousand tons of steel wire sold at auction in Wietten brought only 78 marks per ton, which was offered by the company, the latter bidding in the whole lot. On the Dusseldorf bourse English pig iron No. 3 fell 5 marks. German pig iron was not quoted. The complaints of idences at the mills and of a lack of orders are growing more frequent and more vehement. At a meeting of the raw materials syndicate at Dusseldorf yesterlay the question of premiums on export fron was discussed.

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was discussed.

The money market remains easy. The fact that there has been no advance in the Bank of England rate has had a reassuring effect. Private discount reached & Wednesday. It fell & point yesterday Carry-over money commands 6 per cent, call money is abundant at from 3½ to 4. LONDON REPORTS FAIR WEEK

stock Exchange Said to Have Displayed Considerable Firmness for This Period of Year. LONDON, Dec. 23—On the whole the Stock exchange last week displayed considerable firmness and a fair amount of business was done considering the period of the year. Consols and some other glitedged securities showed fractional declines. Americans were very active and business in this department was on a large scale, with important gains all along the line. Northern Pacific shares were much bought, advancing on the week from 7 to 10 points. Eries were also largely dealt in, gaining from 7 to 8 points. Owing to realizations, prices receded somewhat yesterday after the opening, but they recovered with plenty of buying toward the close. close.

Among the other increases were Chesapeake & Ohio, which rose 2 points; Southern Pacific. 2 points; Southern, 1%; Norfolk preferred. 1, and most others from 4 to 3. On the other hand, Illinois Central fell 2% points and Baltimore & Ohio, 1 Grank Trunks were largely bought and closed from 15 to 24 points higher. A fea-ure of the foreign market has been Ber-in buying of Chinese issues, which closed lin buying of Uninese issues, which closed \( \frac{1}{2} \) to \( \frac{1}{2} \) points higher.

Mines were dull all the week, with a downward tendence, but closed firmer. But silver closed \( \frac{1-16}{2} \) better at \( \frac{2+3-16}{2} \) per counce. Money was in good demand at the following rates: On call, \( \frac{3+3}{2} \) at \( \frac{4+3}{2} \), \( \frac{4+3}{2} \), \( \frac{4+3}{2} \).

Report of the Bank of Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 23.-The report of the Bank of Spain for the week ended yester-

day shows the following changes: Gold in hand, increase, 225,000 pesetas; silver in band, decrease, 1,00,000 pesetas; notes in ciruclation, increase, 6,225,000 pesetas. MANCHESTER MARKET MIXED Some Producers Have Capacity Booked Far Ahead, While Others Have

Dearth of Orders.

MANCHESTER. Dec. 23.—The Manchester market hardened on the advance in cotton. Buyers who had been keeping back orders in hope of better terms preferred to enter them, not waiting for the pending holidays. Where sellers insisted on higher rates business was impeded. The position of buyers and sellers was very irregular. Some producers are well sold for weeks ahead, others need orders to keep their machinery running. A fair business was transacted.

Makers will begin the new year in a much strenger position than they have occupied for some time. Further contracts have been entered for China in qualities suitable to the districts not immediately affected by the disturbances.

During the week there were some transactions for India, where the sellers happened to be easy to deal with and there was a moderate miscellaneous demand for other points.

REMEMBERS HOW IT WAS.

Packer Swift Gives a Place to Every Packer Swift Gives a Place to Every
Boy from His Native Town.

The sait winds blow over uncared-for cranberry marshes on Cape Cod; fishing dories lie idle where once the strong arms of youth carried them out into the bay for the daily struggle with the sea. Word has reached the young men of way down east that any who halls from Barnstable county. Massachusetts, especially if from the village of Sagamore, may find lucrative employment and perhaps opportunity to rise to wealth in the great meat packing establishment of a Chicago millionaire, who himself once played barefooted in the sands of the cape.

self once played barefooted in the sands of the cape.

"Come," he said to the boys of his native town, and in response dozens of the youth bade farewell to their Arcadian homes, bought from their menger savings tickets for Chicago and were rewarded by Inding a known of the control of the co

venience.

Promptness is one of the prime requisites he demands in his employes. He shares the old and well-warranted belief that the best work must be done in the morning and if he is given the best services of a man for the first six hours of the day he is satisfied. fied.

For amusement be prefers the legitimatin drama, and for this has a thorough liking. Once his faith in a man has been established he trusts him thoroughly. On the representations of one man he sent the striking Braidwood miners supplies, and those who have his confidence are never refused when they lay before him the necessity of the unfortunate.

Mr. Swift impresses most people who meet him in a business way as being a cold, conservative man. He is always waiting to be informed rather than trying to convince. He is a religious man and attends services at the Methodist church of Kenwood.

Kenwood.

Mr. Swift himself is in the east, and it was intimated that before he returned probably he would visit his former home in Sagamore. If so he will receive a warm welcome, and by a visit to the primary schools he may find the little chi'dren learning by rote or conving with labored fingers his in/litation, which runs thus:

For any boy of Sagamore, my native town, or any native of Barnstable county, whose intentions are honest and whose habits are industrious I can find a place in my packing houses in Chicago or elsewhere. The young man who proves his ability, avoids bad companions and doesn't shirk will be speedily advanced.

AMERICAN ENGINES BEST. British Builder Tells Why They Are

Preferred in England.

A representative of the London Express had an interview with the chairman of one of the best known British locomotive manufacturers with a view to gleaning how it was so many British ranway companies had to send their orders for new engines to America. had to send their orders for new engines to America.

"American engines," said the authority interrogated, "do not come up to the homemade article so far as quality is concerned, but they are delivered with far greater dispatch. That is the secret of the matter. American locomotives burn more fuel, their valve motions are more hurriedly put together. But they are far cheaper—even when cost of transportation is taken into account."

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"How do the prices compare, then?"

"Passenger express engines made in this country cost from £2,500 to £3,500, though more powerful machines, made by special builders, may cost another thousand or so. Now American contractors not only turn out their engines in less time, but at a price less by £500."

The types of standard engines in England and America are, it was explained, approaching more and more to a common affinity, the most noteworthy distinction now being in the framework of the boller. It is, therefore, not a difficult matter for American engineers to match British standard patterns, especially when, as was the case with one of the biggest home lines, the standard was waived because the emergency was great.

"I can say with experience," was the concluding remark of the expert, "that at present recourse to America is inevitable. Orders rush in upon us both from home and abroad; the war has robbed us of many of our best hands, and coal is very dear. We are unable to meet the demand. American can and does."

MAN WHO GOT BEATEN.

Then He Couldn't Find Judge, Jury. Lawyer or Defendant. About three miles from the town, relates the Pittsburg Post, I came upon a man seated on a log by the readside. His chin was resting in his hands, his shotgun caned up against a tree, and he was so usy with his thoughts that he did not see or hear me until I rode up and saluted being that something was wrong with him, asked the cause, and he got up and came t to me and replied: Stranger, I've bin hevin' a lawsuit and

"Stranger, I've bin hevin' a lawsuit and got beat."
"And you ought to have won?"
"I had. The case was as clar as noon-day. I sold a feller a muwl fur \$t^0, and he paid me \$25 down and bucked the balance. I ofter had a verdict as suah as shootin'."
"Well, the law is uncertain."
"I reckon it is. The suit was decided ag in me yisterday. I went home and got my gun and was back in town the fust thing this mawnin'. but he had gone."
"Who?"
"The defendant. Couldn't find hide nor har of him. The jedge was also gone. So was the jury. So was the defendant is lawyer. Drat 'em, but they all slipped out and didn't give me the show!"
"No show for what?"
"Why, what did I go after my gun fur? What's she loaded with buckshot fur? I said, hoping to console him a bit. "It's powerful tuff, fur I was dead right about It." he answered as he loaked up the road, "but thar's one little gleam of hone left. The lawyer who had my case is comin' along this way this even', and I'm agwine to hold him under that shotgun till he hands me over \$10 I paid him to talk fur me'. Dog-gone it, but I hain't a-gwine to let the hull blin' lot of 'em git clar off without gittin' a shot in on somebody! "Tain't human natur' and it hain't in the laws of the sov'rign state of Arkansas that I should!"

HARVESTING CHRISTMAS TREES. People of Maine Realize \$150,000 a

People of Maine Realize \$150,000 a Year from the Industry.

The Christmas tree industry is now at its height in Maine, many carloads and even vessel loads going forward every week to the large cities. Only a few years ago, says the New York Times, the fir tree was looked upon as a nuisance in Maine, because it grew as rankly as the burdock and crowded out better growths, while being of no value itself except as it might be considered an ornament to the landscape. Now the fir, no longer despised, is a source of considerable income to hundreds of Maine's rural people and to the transportation companies as well, for its graceful proportions and balsamic odor have become known to the dwellers in cities, where it is regarded as the ideal tree whereon to display the lights and gifts of holiday time.

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The beginning of the popularity of the firwas in 1852, when a party of sportsmen returning in a Boston steam yacht from Newfoundland, called at Sargentville on Penobscot bay, to enable some of the party to visit mines inland. Here the beauty of the firs attracted the attention of the owner of the yacht, who took 500 young trees to Boston and sold them at good prices in the Christmas market at Fanuell hall. Up to that time pines and spruces had been used as Christmas trees, but since the day of the Boston yachtsman's speculation the firhas been the favorite. Now about 1,500,600 trees are annually shipped from Maine.

Men, women and children often work together in gathering the Christmas tree harvest, and in some localities the cutting of the greens is made the occasion of a general merrymaking, as at huskings and

other farm festivals. The trees are bundled up, according to size, in lots of six or a dozen, conveyed on hayracks to the railroad station, and there either sold to traveling buyers or shipped direct to Boston or New York. The farmers get about 5 cents each for the smaller trees, 10 to 15 cents for those eight to ten feet tail. In all, Maine people realize about \$150,000 a year from their crop of Christmas greens.

BLOW TO HIS AMBITION.

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After cailing his youngest son Into the library, relates the Detroit Free Press, the old gentleman talked with him on general topics for a time, but it was tacitly understood by both that they were merely skirmishing before entering upon the general engagement.

"James," was the way in which the old gentleman opened genuine hostlities, "your mother tells me that you are unwilling to attend Harvard. Walt now. I graduated there and so did my father before ms."

"I wouldn't tell it."

"See here, young man, don't you get Impadent. I'm proud of my alma mater and I love her. She is one of the world's greatest institutions of learning. Some of the grandest men of history were her sons. Don't you want a collegiate course?"

"I most certainly do. I'm bent upon it. But no Harvard for me. I would rather go to Yale or even to the University of Iowa or of Minnesota. You must give me credit for having some pride too. It appears to run in the family."

"What are you talking about, boy? Who has any greater right to be proud than has a graduate of Harvard, heaven bless her. Iowa, indeed!"

"Did you read about the last game between Yale and Harvard—how the Blues ripped 'em up, tore them to pieces, walked all over them, pulverized 'em and never gave them a score? Those Harvards are a lot of chumps and farmers in my estimation and they're not the associates I want when I don the togs. I could never make a reputation in that gang. I might just as well drop foot ball right now as to go to Harvard, but it would crush my ambition, father."

The pater could only choke and wave the youth out of the room. Now the boy is considering an ultimatum which permits him either to go to Harvard or to run a stock farm in a community where there is no foot ball team.

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